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# HONORARY FRATERNITIES

## *Heights for Attainment*

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T is stated by noted educators all over the United States, that diversion is as necessary as work in the development of the student's mind. In order that students may get constructive diversion, supervised activities have been offered to them. They are present in Ohio State's Engineering College in the form of National Engineering Societies, honorary fraternities and local department Societies. All are active at the present time.

To give an incentive to the student, honorary fraternities have been formed throughout the various universities and colleges, as their necessity was sighted by the faculty of that college. There is an individual fraternity for nearly every department and due to this they have a variety of requirements which students must meet. Some of these societies are old, some are new, but in all cases the standards are set so that it really is an honor to attain membership in them. Members of the faculty are connected with these fraternities and through the social part of their various programs, the students are aided in knowing their instructors from a different angle and the students themselves begin to adopt a more fraternal spirit toward the men in their profession. In all, it tends to make a student strive for higher scholarship and greater activity in university life and which can be looked back upon with great pride in the years to come. The following will acquaint the student with the various forms of fraternities.

### PHI LAMBDA UPSILON

Phi Lambda Upsilon, a National Honorary Chemical fraternity, is very similar to Phi Beta Kappa in the Arts College, and in this respect the scholastic standards are very high. It was founded at the University of Illinois in 1899. Eta Chapter of the society was established at Ohio State in 1911 and at the present time there are eighteen active chapters in American colleges and universities. The officers for the year are: President, F. G. Keenan; Vice President, Clyde Carlton; Secretary, Robert Hoggett; Treasurer, Mr. Ferguson.

The monthly meeting is usually a dinner followed by a speech, given by a prominent man. A discussion follows the main speech.

They have an election every quarter with a sliding scale of requirements which is set at each election. In all cases, however, this standard is a B or above, generally above. Preference is given to the man having the best personality. No fixed number is taken in at an election, so that there may be a large number elected at one time and not very many at the next election.

### SIGMA XI

Sigma Xi is one of the oldest honorary scientific fraternities active throughout the United States at the present time. It was founded at Cornell University in 1856 and at this time has thirty-six active chapters. The officers of the Ohio State Chapter for the present year are as follows: President, Prof. R. G. Hoskins; Vice President, Prof. Clarence Kennedy; Secretary, J. H. Weaver; Treasurer, Prof. E. S. Rasor.

The following clauses explain the requirements which students, especially new students, should know. "The membership of the Ohio State Chapter shall include members and associate members. Undergraduates without publications or patents, issued or pending, shall be

elected to membership only. No undergraduates shall be eligible for associate membership whose point ratio in scientific subjects is less than 3, unless he shall have shown marked ability as an investigator. If the nominee is a professor or instructor in the university or a graduate of not less than five years standing, the nomination shall contain a list of the contributions to pure or applied science or of the engineering achievements upon which the claims are based. Members of the instructional force shall not be eligible for election unless they have had one year's residence at the university."

Nominations for election must be made by a member of the society and election is up to the nominating committee. All meetings are those called by the Executive Committee.

### PI MU EPSILON

The only honorary mathematical fraternity at Ohio State is Pi Mu Epsilon. It was founded at Syracuse in 1915 and Beta Chapter at this University was established in 1919. The officers for the ensuing year are: Vice Director, Mr. Pratt; Treasurer, Lester H. Colbert; Secretary, Leah Kyser.

It is an academic fraternity in the various institutions of university grade. The first and primary aim shall be the scholarship for the individual members in all subjects and particularly in mathematics; second, the orderly advancement of the science of mathematics and third, the mutual and personal advancement of its members. The standard for membership is the average B or higher in mathematical subjects. Mechanics is considered equally with mathematics and physics as correlated work. The general scholarship of the student should be good and is considered as such if a student's standing in mathematics is satisfactory. This society does not have a great number of meetings but have enough to benefit all concerned.

### TAU BETA PI

Tau Beta Pi is a national interscholastic honorary fraternity whose members have maintained high scholarship throughout their entire university course. Members of this group are not only respected and admired by their fellow students but in the engineering world. The key is a mark of distinction.

The officers of Tau Beta Pi are Leroy W. Hendershott, President; Herman Shubering, Vice President; Fullerton Kinkead, Corresponding Secretary; Willard DeBruin, Recording Secretary; S. W. Garber, Treasurer; Clarence Eckert, Cataloger. At the beginning of the junior year, the three highest juniors of the class are eligible; at the end of the junior year, the highest eight are eligible, and at the beginning of the senior year the highest one-fourth of the class are eligible. Membership is based on election by the former members.

This fraternity is one of the oldest honorary fraternities, having been founded at Lehigh University in 1885. The Chapter at State is called Gamma Chapter. There are at present forty-five active chapters.

### KERAMOS

One of the newest of honorary fraternities at Ohio State is Keramos, a national honorary ceramic fraternity. It was founded at the University of Illinois in 1915 and Beta Chapter of the organization was in-

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tary science are eligible for election. It has at present about 60 chapters and the chapter here contains approximately 50 men. It is located in the various colleges giving baccalaureate degrees. The officers are: President, Bob Cunningham; Vice President, Roy Horn; Treasurer, John W. Brazelton, and Secretary, James H. Blay.

Its purpose is to unite men taking military into closer relationship with the military departments of American universities and colleges, develop a man's essential qualities and to prepare these men as educated to take an active part in the military and community affairs, and to spread intelligent information regarding the military requirements of our country.

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stalled on March 11, 1925, at Ohio State. It is an organization for furthering the interest of the ceramic industry. By its work as a whole it can give more co-operation with the department. The officers are President, Kenneth Buck; Vice President, Bill Taylor; Secretary, Drury Turner.

Juniors and seniors with an average of C or better having a good personality and showing the right attitude toward his ceramic work is eligible. The sophomore in the ceramic department with the highest grade of his class is eligible for election.

A unique feature of the organization is that the vice-president keeps a dope book which contains all the interesting features of its members' summers' work and the interesting and outstanding features of his college achievements.

#### *TAU SIGMA DELTA*

Tau Sigma Delta is an international honorary fraternity of architects and allied arts. Membership is based on high scholarship in the subjects related to above. The officers are: President, Franklin Scott; Treasurer, Tom Jones and Secretary, W. D. Riddle.

#### *TEXNIKOI*

Texnikoi is a senior engineering honorary society which was established and founded at Ohio State in 1924. The basis for election is based chiefly on the activities into which a candidate has entered. The officers are: President, George P. Guthrie; Treasurer, Guy Merry; Secretary, J. K. Griffin; Vice President, C. Ward Ross.

#### *ETA KAPPA NU*

Eta Kappa Nu is a national honorary electrical engineering fraternity and was founded at the University of Illinois in 1904. The chapter at Ohio State is called Gamma Chapter.

A certain small per cent of the class are eligible, and elections are held in the fall and spring.

"That those men in the profession of Electrical Engineering who, by their attainments in college or practice, have manifested marked ability in their chosen life work, may be brought into closer union whereby mutual benefit may be derived." This fully states the purpose of Eta Kappa Nu.

#### *SCABBARD AND BLADE*

Scabbard and Blade is a national military organization to which members of the advanced course in mili-